



# Motor Gasoline Watch

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## SUPPLY

- Gasoline production increased 0.4 million barrels per day last week to an average 8.2 million barrels per day. With gasoline demand essentially unchanged from the prior week, higher production led to a smaller drawdown of finished gasoline stocks. Finished gasoline stocks fell 0.2 million barrels per day last week compared with a drawdown rate of nearly 0.5 million barrels per day in the prior week. Stocks of finished gasoline ended last week at 155.2 million barrels. Finished gasoline imports fell 0.1 million barrels per day last week to an average 0.3 million barrels per day.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 5.2 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. Imports of total gasoline averaged 589 thousand barrels per day of which 176 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 269 thousand barrels per day were blending components.

### Gasoline Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Finished Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	10/08/99	10/15/99	10/22/99	10/29/99	10/30/98	10/08/99	10/15/99	10/22/99	10/29/99	10/30/98
East Coast (PADD I)	1,172	999	983	<b>1,079</b>	1,066	727	603	602	<b>634</b>	643
Midwest (PADD II)	2,017	2,066	1,886	<b>1,918</b>	1,947	278	311	282	<b>287</b>	259
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,721	3,619	3,420	<b>3,564</b>	3,319	754	725	685	<b>705</b>	563
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	281	283	244	<b>275</b>	251	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,289	1,328	1,260	<b>1,317</b>	1,363	887	952	889	<b>979</b>	893
U.S. Total	8,481	8,296	7,794	<b>8,154</b>	7,947	2,646	2,591	2,458	<b>2,605</b>	2,358

### Gasoline Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	10/08/99	10/15/99	10/22/99	10/29/99	10/29/98	10/08/99	10/15/99	10/22/99	10/29/99	10/29/98
East Coast (PADD I)	54.2	55.6	57.2	<b>56.3</b>	53.1	15.0	17.7	17.1	<b>18.4</b>	17.7
Midwest (PADD II)	56.2	54.4	53.6	<b>51.7</b>	52.2	2.2	1.6	1.9	<b>1.9</b>	1.1
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	59.3	60.1	56.7	<b>58.3</b>	62.9	10.3	10.2	9.5	<b>9.8</b>	9.4
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	5.9	6.1	6.3	<b>6.2</b>	6.2	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	27.6	26.3	26.1	<b>25.4</b>	28.5	10.3	10.2	9.8	<b>10.5</b>	11.7
U.S. Total	203.2	202.7	199.8	<b>197.8</b>	203.0	37.7	39.7	38.2	<b>40.5</b>	39.8

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## PRICES

- Technical trading caused oil markets to plunge midweek then stage a partial recovery as traders awaited the OPEC production report due in another week. Gasoline spot prices outperformed the rest of the complex by short-covering before the close-out of the November gasoline futures contracts. The close-out coincided with outage of a cracking unit at Exxon's Baytown refinery for maintenance. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline was 63.70 cents per gallon on November 1, 1999, up 1.45 cents from the previous week. The spot price of CARB RFG at Los Angeles kept pace with the increase on the East Coast.
- The national average retail price for regular gasoline was off 0.7 cent to 123.0 cents per gallon with declines reported in all regions. In comparison to last year, the average was 22.0 cents per gallon higher. With a 2.4-cent decline, the average retail price in California ended at 134.1 cents per gallon.

### Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	10/11/99	10/18/99	10/25/99	11/01/99	11/02/98	10/11/99	10/18/99	10/25/99	11/01/99	11/02/98
New York	60.00	61.06	62.25	<b>63.70</b>	44.31	61.00	62.79	63.95	<b>64.61</b>	45.31
Chicago	57.63	60.31	61.00	<b>65.45</b>	40.94	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
Houston	55.88	58.46	58.75	<b>60.08</b>	39.19	58.00	60.49	60.88	<b>60.23</b>	42.44
Los Angeles	64.00	66.00	65.25	<b>66.75</b>	47.25	66.50	68.00	67.75	<b>69.25</b>	50.00

Source: Reuters Information Services.

### Regular Gasoline Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes)

District	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	10/11/99	10/18/99	10/25/99	11/01/99	11/02/98	10/11/99	10/18/99	10/25/99	11/01/99	11/02/98
East Coast (PADD I)	121.5	120.5	120.1	<b>119.8</b>	97.3	129.8	129.7	129.3	<b>128.9</b>	102.6
Midwest (PADD II)	120.3	117.6	119.9	<b>118.9</b>	98.5	125.7	122.1	119.7	<b>121.8</b>	104.3
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	120.9	120.4	119.8	<b>119.3</b>	95.7	119.1	118.8	118.3	<b>117.7</b>	95.6
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	136.0	136.2	135.1	<b>134.1</b>	110.1	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	136.7	136.2	135.4	<b>134.8</b>	111.6	138.3	137.8	136.0	<b>133.8</b>	113.5
U.S. Average	122.6	121.1	121.8	<b>121.1</b>	99.1	129.9	128.8	127.6	<b>127.2</b>	105.2

Source: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-878, Motor Gasoline Price Survey.

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